

# BMHA 2025-2026 Rep Player Evaluation Policy and Process

- **General Guidelines**

- All Rep registered players will start the evaluation process as outlined by age group below.
- Players must attend **all** evaluations to be eligible to make the team. Unless offered a card prior to the last evaluation.
- No player can join an evaluation after the first evaluation of that level has begun.
- Registration closes at 5 PM the day prior to the first evaluation of each level. (no exceptions)
- You must be registered to be permitted to attend any BMHA evaluation.
- 2024-25 Rostered Rep Players who resided outside the city of Barrie Limits who were considered within the BMHA boundaries based on the 2024-2025 OMHA boundary rule are grandfathered into the organization as **NON-Out-of-Town** Players.
- All 2024-2025 Rostered Rep Players will need to follow the guidelines listed in this document.

- **New Barrie Residents**

- New Barrie Residents are required to show players proof of residency (as per standard BMHA policy) to be considered a BMHA resident player.
- If a new Barrie resident (at the time of registration) fails to produce to the BMHA office satisfactory proof of residency they will be classified as an Out-of-Town Player and will be subject to the Out-of-Town player guidelines.
- New Barrie Residents must register based on previous years rostered level and follow the evaluation policy and process as required under the “Barrie Resident Player Evaluation Assignment” section below.

- **Registration and Fees**

- Evaluation fee is \$125.00 - Includes Evaluation skates where required.
- Registration for the first evaluation at any level closes at 5 PM the day prior (no exceptions).
- No refunds once registration has closed unless player cancellations and/or non-attendance.
- Registration refunds are subject to a \$50 administration fee. **(no exceptions)**

- **Player Commitment and Release**

- Players can be released or offered a letter of commitment after any evaluation.
- Incumbent players (Players who played for the team in the previous season) will not be released prior to the second last evaluation.
- Once a player signs a letter of commitment, they may be exempt from further evaluations.
- If a player refuses a letter of commitment or leaves an evaluation of their own free will, they will be disqualified from the remainder of the BMHA evaluations (All Levels).

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- **OUT-OF-TOWN Player Guidelines**

- Out-of-town players (Previously known as NRP) are now defined as Players/Families not living and/or paying taxes to the city of Barrie and/or cannot provide adequate proof of residency prior to registration close.
- Out-of-town Players refusing a letter of commitment will be disqualified from the remainder of the BMHA evaluations (All Levels)
- Players released from other organizations evaluations may register and join the next level BMHA evaluations provided the evaluations have not already begun. Registration must be completed by the deadline.
- Out-of-town Players released from any BMHA evaluation are automatically registered to attend the next BMHA level Evaluation, exception for B/BB. (see below “Out-of-Town player acceptance limits...”)
- 2024-2025 AAA Players who register for BMHA evaluations directly attend AA evaluations.
- Any BMHA rostered NRP player in the 2024-2025 season, may go directly to the AA evaluations.
- No out-of-town players at B/BB unless registration numbers require consideration.
- No more than 50% of a position can be filled by out-of-town players.

- **OUT-OF-TOWN Player Evaluation Assignment**

- **U8 and U9:** Open only to registered Barrie residents.
- **U10, U11, U12:** All out-of-town registrants may directly attend the AA Evaluations.
- **U13, U14, U15, U16:**
  - All out-of-town registered players regardless of level will be required to attend an evaluation skate for the opportunity to be invited to AA or A. B/BB only open to registered Barrie residents.

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- **OUT-OF-TOWN Player acceptance limits for 2025-2026 Season**

- **U8, U9MD**

- Only open to Barrie Residents

- **U10, U11:**

- AA: 4
- A: 2

- **U12-U16:**

- AA: 4
- A White: 2
- A Blue: 2

- **U18:**

- AA: 4
- A: 3

- **BARRIE RESIDENT PLAYER Evaluation Process**

Players can start at a level higher than what they played last season but cannot start at a lower level. Examples:

- Previous Season AA players cannot start below AA.
  - Exception: BB non-contact waiver for U14-U18 players
- Previous Season A white players cannot start below A White
- Previous Season A blue players cannot start below A Blue

#### Non-Contact Hockey Waiver

- Players who want to play non-contact hockey must sign a "non-contact waiver."
- Once signed, they cannot attend evaluations that involve body contact.
- The waiver **must** be submitted before the first AA evaluation. (no exceptions)
- Once signed, player is ineligible to AP (Affiliated Player) to a contact team.

2024-2025 AAA Players who register for BMHA evaluations directly attend AA evaluations.

- **U8 and U9:** All registered Barrie residents may directly attend the primary evaluation.

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- **U10, U11 and U12:** All registered Barrie residents may attend the AA Evaluations or start at the evaluation level you indicated on your registration form. (cannot start a lower level, see above)
- **U13, U14, U15, and U16**
  - Previous Seasons House League and BB players must attend the evaluation skate and receive an invite to be permitted to attend AA Evaluations.

## **Evaluation Attendance format**

- **AA Evaluations:**
  - Automatically Includes previous seasons A Blue, A White, Eval invited players and previous season AAA players.
- **A White Evaluations:**
  - Automatically Includes previous seasons A Blue, BB players as well as any AA releases and any Eval invited players.
- **A Blue Evaluations:**
  - Automatically Includes previous season BB players, any released players from AA, A white and any Eval invited players.
- **BB Evaluations:**
  - Include releases from all above and Eval invited players.

## **Exemption Policy:**

An exemption to our evaluation policy may be considered if the below eligibility criteria is met.

Requests for exemptions must be submitted in writing 24 hours before the first evaluation to:

**Email:** [BMHA-MANAGER@BARRIEMINORHOCKEY.CA](mailto:BMHA-MANAGER@BARRIEMINORHOCKEY.CA)

- **Eligibility for Exemption**
  - **Registration** - The player must be registered prior to the BMHA evaluation registration deadline to submit an exemption request.
  - **Medical Reasons** - Medical exemptions must be accompanied by a note from a licensed healthcare provider detailing the nature of the condition and the expected duration of the player's inability to participate.
  - **Significant and/or other unavoidable circumstances.** - Family emergencies or other significant circumstances must be documented with appropriate evidence (e.g., a letter from a parent or guardian, legal documents)
- **Exemption Process:**
  - All exemptions will be forwarded to the appropriate Director of Rep for review.
  - An exemption submission does not mean you will be granted an exemption.

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- The Director of Rep will review the exemption on a case by case.
- Decisions will be communicated back via email prior to their evaluation commencing.
  - If a player is exempted due to a medical issue, they will be considered for the team based on information that can be procured from the previous season's performance.
  - There are no guarantees that a player who is granted an exemption will make any team.

- **Exemption Appeals Process**

- An appeals committee will review any appeals. An appeal may be requested in writing to:

[BMHA-MANAGER@BARRIEMINORHOCKEY.CA](mailto:BMHA-MANAGER@BARRIEMINORHOCKEY.CA)

Reason for the appeal and a copy of supporting documentation must be provided while initiating appeal.

- The decision of the BMHA Appeals Committee is final and binding.

- **Legal Statement**

- The Barrie Minor Hockey Association (BMHA) reserves the right to modify or change any part of this evaluation process document at any time without prior notice.

## FAQ Section

- **Where do I start in the evaluation process?** All 2024-2025 Rep registered players will start the evaluation process as outlined by their age group.
- **Can players start at a different level than they played last season?** Players can start at a level higher than what they played last season but cannot start at a lower level.
- **What happens if a player misses an evaluation?** Players must attend all evaluations to be eligible to make the team. No player can join an evaluation after the first evaluation of that level has begun.
- **When does registration close for evaluations?** Registration closes at 5 PM the day prior to the first evaluation of each level. **No exceptions.**

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- **What if my child is sick or injured and cannot attend an evaluation?** Players may request an exemption due to medical reasons, or other significant and unavoidable circumstances. Requests must be submitted as indicated in the exemption policy.
- **What proof is required for new Barrie residents?** New Barrie residents must show proof of residency as per standard BMHA policy to be considered a BMHA resident player.
- **What if a new resident fails to provide proof of residency?** They will be classified as an out-of-town (Non-Resident Player).
- **What is the evaluation fee?** The evaluation fee is \$125.00.
- **Are there refunds on evaluation fees?** No refunds are given once a child has attended any evaluation in Barrie. Registration refunds will be provided for cancellations and non-attendance. All refunds are subject to a \$50.00 Administrative fee.
- **When can players be released or offered a letter of commitment?** Players can be released or offered a letter of commitment after any evaluation. Incumbent players will not be released prior to the second last evaluation.
- **What happens if a player refuses a letter of commitment?** If a player refuses a letter of commitment or leaves an evaluation of their own free will, they will be disqualified from the remainder of the BMHA evaluations (all levels).
- **Who is considered an out-of-town?** Out-of-town players are those not living and/or paying taxes to the city of Barrie and/or cannot provide adequate proof of residency prior to registration close.
- **Can Out-of-town players try out for AA?** All U13-U16 out-of-town players wishing to try out for AA must register and attend the AA evaluation skate and be offered an invite to the AA evaluations to continue.
- **Where do U10-U12, U18 previous season Rep players start their evaluations?** All registrants (including Out-of-town Players and HL) may directly attend the AA evaluations.
- **What is the process for U13-U16 previous season House League players?** All registered players who played in house league or did not play hockey in the previous season must attend the HL evaluation skate for potential invitation to any Rep Level Evaluation.
- **What is required for players who want to play non-contact hockey?** Players must sign a "non-contact waiver" before the first AA evaluation. Once signed, they cannot attend evaluations that involve body contact.